

# Tennessee State Parks

## 2008 Events

### November - December



The goal of Tennessee State Parks is to protect in perpetuity, unique examples of natural, cultural and scenic areas, and to provide a variety of safe, quality outdoor experiences through a well-planned and professionally managed system of State parks.



#### **Cumberland Trail. Sunday Nights 8:30 p.m. WDVX 89.9 fm**

Join Bob Fulcher as he presents rare old-time bluegrass, gospel, rockabilly and more, 1926 to present day, from musicians who were born and raised along the Cumberland Trail. Web cast at [www.WDVX.com](http://www.WDVX.com).

**For more information (423)-566-2229.**

#### **Sycamore Shoals. November - December Traditional Arts Workshops**

Join us for these great workshops that offer a unique opportunity to learn traditional and primitive art forms from expert instructors! Pre-registration will be required in addition to an instructor and materials fee.

**For more information: (423) 543-5808.**

#### **November**

#### **November 1 - 15 Natchez Trace. Fall Color Canoe Trips**

Canoe trips are held on Browns Lake where visitors often enjoy seeing Great Blue Herons, fall colors and beautiful sunsets.

**For more information: (731) 968-3742.**

#### **November 1 & 2 Fort Loudoun. Garrison Weekend**

This garrison weekend celebrates the birthday of King George II, the English King at the time of Fort Loudoun. Visitors can interact with living historians as they demonstrate a variety of tasks common to a frontier English fortification such as cooking, laundering, blacksmithing, musket and artillery demonstrations, medical, daily life in the enlisted soldier's barracks, an 18th century Cherokee camp and much more.

**For more information: (423) 884-6217.**

#### **November 1 & 2 Fort Pillow. Fall Living History Weekend**

Visitors will be able to view reenactors portraying the camp life of both Union and Confederate soldiers during the Civil War. The park museum will be open from 8 a.m. to 4p.m. Programs will also be offered throughout the weekend.

**For more information: (731) 738-5581.**

#### **November 8 & 9 Fall Creek Falls. Backpacking Trip**

Join us for a 13-mile trek through some of the more remote portions of the park. This hike is for both novices and experienced backpackers and includes a 2-day guided hike with an overnight camp. There is a \$10 fee and pre-registration is required.

**For more information: (423) 881-5708.**



Tims Ford was once used by Native Americans as a major hunting fishing grounds. The 10,700-acre Tims Ford Lake is one of the most picturesque in Tennessee and is regarded as one of the top bass fishing and recreational lakes in the Southeast.



Just an hour-and-a-half south of Nashville, the Bear Trace Golf Course at Tims Ford was voted a 2008 Best Place to Play by Golf Digest Magazine.

### **November 8 & 22 Tims Ford. Saturday Night Pickins**

If you play an instrument or just enjoy listening to great music Tims Ford State Park is the place to be on Saturday night. Bring your instruments and join us from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the recreation building for an evening of musical fun.

***For more information: (931) 962-1183.***

### **November 10 Roan Mountain. Christmas at the Farmstead**

Roan Mountain State Park wishes you and yours a Merry Christmas. Learn how Christmas was celebrated years ago while enjoying live music and traditional holiday treats.

***For more information: (423) 772-0190.***

### **November 14 - 16 Sycamore Shoals. Christmas Craft Show**

Don't miss this tremendously popular craft extravaganza just in time for Christmas. Forty-eight local crafts persons exhibit and demonstrate their talents with a Christmas twist. Hours: Friday 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Saturday 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. and Sunday 1 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

***For more information: (423) 543-5808.***

### **November 22 - 23 Sycamore Shoals. Thanksgiving Garrison**

Join us as Hardin's Rangers provide a glimpse into the past with an 18th century Thanksgiving at Fort Watauga. Plenty of food and demonstrations. Hours: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

***For more information: (423) 543-5808.***

### **November 30 - December 31 Sycamore Shoals Winterfest Christmas Tree Exhibit & Art Show**

With an annual Winterfest theme, this event opens with a reception to view the trees, artwork and an opportunity to meet the artists. The exhibit features Fraser fir trees decorated by local organizations with handmade ornaments. The Watauga Valley Art League displays the artwork. Hours: Opening Reception November 30 1:30 p.m., Monday - Saturday 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. and Sunday 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

***For more information: (423) 543-5808.***

## **December**

### **December 1 Cove Lake. Christmas in the Park**

Cove Lake's Christmas in the Park features 2500 luminaries, the Lighting of the Tree, fireworks display, refreshments, children's crafts and activities, caroling and an appearance from Santa Claus and friends. Children can also have their picture taken with Santa for no charge.

***For more information: (423) 566-9701.***

### **December 5 & 6 Sycamore Shoals. Christmas at the Carter Mansion**

Join us for an evening of entertainment and song at this 18th century frontier landmark. Costumed interpreters, candlelight, refreshments and music highlight the evening. The mansion's beautifully crafted interior is decorated for Christmas in the style of 1780. Hours: 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

***For more information: (423) 543-5808.***



## **Tennessee State Parks**

### **Winter Promotion**

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minimum,

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For holiday specials visit our Web site.

## **December 5 - 7      Fall Creek Falls.    Christmas on the Mountain**

Join us for a weekend of Yuletide fun, Christmas carols and gifts for the little ones. Activities for children and adults alike include traditional Christmas decorating, tea parties and a 3-day mountain craft show. Don't be surprised if Saint Nick drops in.

**For more information: (423) 881-5708.**

## **December 6              Fort Loudoun.    Living History Weekend**

This annual event provides visitors with the chance to experience the atmosphere of an 18th century Christmas in a British fortification in the Cherokee territory. The fort buildings are decorated with traditional greens such as holly and ivy. Re-enactors will be present to demonstrate daily activities. In the evening, the fort will be illuminated with candles and luminaries. Refreshments and candlelight tours begin around 6 p.m. The tours will conclude with a rare, nighttime firing of the fort's largest cannon. This is a one day event and admission is free.

**For more information: (423) 884-6217.**

## **December 6              Warriors Path.    Adopt A Tree**

Everyone is invited to come to the park to help us plant future forests. For each tree seedling you plant in the park, you get to take one home to plant. Come early, as supplies of trees are limited!

**For more information: (423) 239-6786.**

## **December 6 & 7      Davy Crockett Birthplace.    Crockett Christmas**

Get into the pioneer Christmas spirit and join in the festivities at this living history event. View the turn-of-the century Christmas decorations that adorn the cabin and top the evening off with traditional music, hot cider and edibles around the warm campfire.

**For more information: (423) 257-2167**

## **December 6 & 7      Sycamore Shoals.    Christmas Garrison**

Ring in the Christmas season with the Company of Overmountain Men as they celebrate with living history demonstrations of the 18th century in the backwoods of Colonial America. Hours: 10 a.m. - 4p.m.

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## **December 11              Cordell Hul Birthplace.    Old Fashioned Christmas**

Join park staff as we celebrate the holidays the way they were enjoyed in the late nineteenth century, the time period in which former Secretary of State Cordell Hull lived in this rural area on the edge of the Cumberland Plateau. Festivities include old fashioned holiday music by Ross Moore using 14 traditional instruments, lantern-lit trail hikes, refreshments and seasonal decorations in the restored birthplace cabin. 6-9pm.

**For more information: (931) 864-3247.**



Whether you're on a family outing or a romantic weekend getaway Tennessee State Parks offers a variety of lodging. From rustic cabins and modern villas with fireplaces to WiFi compatible resort inns, Tennessee State Parks has something for everyone.



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### **December 12 - 14 Chickasaw. Lighting of the Park**

Come view the spectacular holiday light displays situated throughout the park. Over 2500 luminaries lining the roadways will guide your drive through the park. Cap the evening off with live entertainment and a visit from Santa Claus. Hours 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

***For more information: (731) 989-5141.***

### **December 13 Norris Dam. Holiday Homecoming**

Come experience the atmosphere of 1900s life in the Appalachian region. Horse-drawn wagon rides and 1-mile walking tours through the rustic cabins and historical buildings highlight this event. Holiday Homecoming also features entertainment, music and demonstrations, so please dress warmly, wear comfortable shoes and bring a flashlight for your added safety. Free admission, but donations of non-perishable foods is greatly appreciated for the local mission.

***For more information: (865) 426-7461.***

### **December 19 Warrior's Path. Christmas in the Valley**

Join Warrior's Path State Park for the first annual Christmas in the Valley. Bring the whole family to learn about the cultural heritage of the Appalachians. Children will have the opportunity to learn and make holiday ornaments from around the world.

***For more information: (423) 239-8531.***

### **December 31 Montgomery Bell. New Year's Eve Celebration**

Ring in the New Year at Montgomery Bell State Park! Sponsored by the Friends of Montgomery Bell State Park this New Year's Eve bash features music, dancing and fun provided by Gino's band. The ticket package for two people includes a champagne toast at midnight, a midnight breakfast catered by the Montgomery Bell Restaurant and a room at the inn for overnight accommodations. The Friends of MBSP will have additional drinks available for purchase at the event. Ticket packages are \$175 and can be purchased from the Friends group. All proceeds of the event support the Friends of MBSP in their efforts to improve Montgomery Bell State Park. This event is 21 and up.

***For more information contact Dana Stein, Friends Secretary, at (615) 740-6841 or [friendsofmbsp@comcast.net](mailto:friendsofmbsp@comcast.net) to make your reservation.***

### **Davy Crockett Birthplace. December TBA Pioneer 10K Run**

Join us for an exhilarating run through our park and the town of Limestone. This is part of the 30th annual Tennessee State Parks Running Tour and all runners must be registered.

***For more information on the Pioneer 10K Run, please contact Mr. Bob Townsend (423) 257-6188 or (423) 426-6709 [bobt4@earthlink.net](mailto:bobt4@earthlink.net).***

### **What is the Running Tour?**

The Tennessee State Parks Running Tour is the oldest state parks running series in the nation – featuring a unique series of nineteen fall and winter foot races held throughout the state in Tennessee State Parks.

The Running Tour is a unique opportunity to visit our beautiful state parks and participate in a series of challenging races that will keep you in top shape for the rest of the year. For complete details visit our Web site.